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FROM US DEL LOS

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SUBJECT: LOS: ARCHIPELAGO DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA,
NEW GUINEA.

1. JOHN NORTON MOORE AND ARCHIPELAGO TEAM MET ON JULY 16 WITH JOHN
BAILEY AND CAPTAIN KENNETH GRAY OF AUSTRALIA, AND GEOFFREY DABB
AND ANTHONY SIAGURU OF PAPUA, NEW GUINEA TO EXPLAIN U.S. ARCHIPELAGO
PROPOSAL MADE TO INDONESIA, PHILLIPPINES AND FIJI. AUSTRALIANS HAD
PREVIOUSLY INFORMED U.S. THAT ANY ARCHIPELAGO PROPOSAL SHOULD
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BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE PAPUA, NEW GUINEA.

2. MOORE AND HODGSON POINTED OUT HOW U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD INCLUDE PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, AND THAT U.S. ACCEPTANCE DEPENDED ON EARLY AGREEMENT WITH PRINCIPAL ARCHIPELAGO STATES. EXPLANATION WAS FOLLOWING BY A DETAILED DISCUSSION USING THE ILLUSTRATIVE CHART PREPARED BY STATE GEOGRAPHER HODGSON. GRAY EVIDENCED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE POSSIBLE LOCATION AND FORMULA FOR CALCULATING THE WIDTH OF ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES. DABB INDICATED THAT A MAJOR CONCERN WAS INCLUSION IN ARCHIPELAGO OF SEVERAL DIVISIVE ISLAND POPULATION GROUPS.

3. ALTHOUGH GRAY EXPRESSLY STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME, BOTH THE AUSTRALIANS AND PAPUANS WERE OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THE PROPOSAL. GRAY AND DABB BOTH STATED THAT UNIMPEDED TRANSIT WAS NOT A PROBLEM.
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